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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND OTHER REMARKS

Applicants submit herewith a Preliminary Amendment for the above-identified patent application. Applicants believe that no fee is required for the filing of the present paper. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 23905-029.

AMENDMENTS UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.115

*In the Specification:*

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 14, line 14, with the following rewritten paragraph:

B<sup>1</sup> -- A particularly preferred immersion silver plating method is described in our copending British application filed on even date herewith under the application number 9425030.5, and subsequent U.S. Serial No. 08/932,392. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 7, with the following rewritten paragraph:

B<sup>2</sup> -- The contact time of the plating solution with the metal surface is sufficient to form plated metal surfaces over the metal. Generally the contact time will be from 10 seconds to 10 minutes.